



Holy Family Parish

"Building for the Future"

January 22, 2012

Dear Parishioners and Members of the Holy Family Community,

As pastor, it is my responsibility not only to provide for the spiritual development of our community, but to also ensure that our facilities are safe and usable. It is with this in mind that I share the following news about the state of the Holy Family parish gym.

After an extensive engineering survey and a thorough review of alternatives, it has been determined that the parish gym must be rebuilt. This is a safety issue, due to significant water damage to the shell of the building. The parish gym has already been closed once this past fall and will become unusable and unsafe without addressing the water issue in a comprehensive manner. The parish gym is over 30 years old and has experienced above average water and high moisture content for many years. Several attempts have been made to solve the problems without requiring a major construction project. Similar to an unforeseen issue on a personal home, this is not a project that was expected.

The estimated cost to rebuild the parish gym is approximately \$850,000, which is significantly less than building a new gym. To keep costs as low as possible, many of the existing fixtures will be used in the rebuilt gym. I realize that this is not an ideal time to conduct a fundraising effort.

I do not want to take away from liturgy or other parish activities to focus on fundraising, but there will be updates in the bulletin each week in February, addressing some questions about the project, and I will be sending every household the information about the project. It is my hope that we can successfully raise the funds needed in next few months and rebuild the gym this spring and summer, 2012. This will be a short project.

The parish gym is an important part of our active parish and many groups use the gym, including CYO, the parish school, the parish youth group, faith formation, boy scouts, girl scouts, adult open gyms for basketball and volleyball, among many others. The parish gym also serves as space for many gatherings and events and greatly fosters the development of community, which is an important aspect of our multi-generational parish life.

Holy Family has been blessed with generous parishioners whose gifts have built the numerous parish facilities that provide for our ministries, events and activities. This is a necessary project and I hope that I can continue to count on your generous support. Thank you in advance for your patience, prayers and participation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Kurt Nagel,
Pastor